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	First Named Inventor	K.Y. Lin
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	Group Art Unit	1641
	Examiner Name	D. Venci
	Title	Methods for detecting asymmetric dimethylarginine in a biological sample

Sir:

This amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination. The amendment is responsive to the final Office Action dated August 25, 2005 for which a three-month period for response was given, making this response due on or before November 25, 2005. A Petition for a two-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith, making this amendment due on or before January 25, 2006. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.